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Deputy Secretary Warren Christopher  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Christopher:

We are writing to urge strong United States leadership in the current United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

We share this administration's concern about recent Soviet actions that violate the rights of its citizens and particularly the treatment of Dr. Andrei Sakharov who is a member of our Board of Directors and Honorary Vice President. We are confident that the United States will take appropriate steps to raise these important issues.

We also think it is important for the United States to call for United Nations study and action with regard to human rights violations occurring in many other countries throughout the world. In the past several years we have been particularly concerned about the consistent pattern of gross violations in Argentina and the United Nations failure to address this problem.

It is our understanding that the situation in Argentina will be one of the subjects of the Commission's general debate on disappearances and that it will be the specific focus of the discussion of confidential Resolution 1503 procedures. In light of the human rights violations most recently described in the State Department's own report on Argentina, we urge the United States to take a forthright stand in favor of further United Nations examination of the condition of human rights in Argentina.

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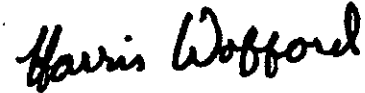
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We look forward to the continued leadership of the administration and of the United States representative to the Commission, Jerome Shestack in these important matters.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harris Wofford".

Harris L. Wofford, Jr.  
President

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